

October 22, 2003

**MAIL STOP PATENT APPLICATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: Application of Takaki SHIMURA, Yasuhara NIMURA and Wataru YOSHIOKA  
PUNCTURE DIFFICULTY EVALUATING DEVICE  
Assignee: TOKAI UNIVERSITY EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM, MEDICO'S  
HIRATA INC.  
Our Ref. Q78051

22582 U.S. PTO  
10/1689761



Dear Sir:

Attached hereto is the application identified above comprising fifty (50) sheets of the specification, including the claims and abstract, twenty-three (23) sheets of drawings, a copy of an executed Assignment and PTO 1595 form, and a copy of an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. Also enclosed is an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified).

The Government filing fee is calculated as follows:

Total claims	17	-	20	=		x	\$18.00	=	\$0.00
Independent claims	1	-	3	=		x	\$86.00	=	\$0.00
Base Fee									\$770.00

<b>TOTAL FILING FEE</b>	<b>\$770.00</b>
Recordation of Assignment (1)	\$40.00
Recordation of Assignment (2)	\$40.00
<b>TOTAL FEE</b>	<b><u>\$850.00</u></b>

Checks for the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and Assignment recordation fee of \$80.00 are attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.



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Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
JAPAN	2002-308777	October 23, 2002

The priority document is enclosed herewith.

Respectfully submitted,  
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